



**The Secretary of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

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Dear 1999 Award Winners:

Congratulations on a job well done!

If we are to guarantee America's energy future, we must use our energy and water resources wisely, seeking innovative ways to reduce consumption and stimulate markets for emerging technologies.

On June 3, 1999, the President issued Executive Order 13123 providing new emphasis and commitment to improve efficiency of Federal energy use. The Federal Government, as the Nation's largest energy consumer, must significantly improve its energy management in order to save taxpayer dollars and reduce emissions that contribute to air pollution and global climate change. The Federal Government can lead the Nation in energy efficient building design, construction, and operation. The Federal Government can promote energy efficiency, water conservation, and the use of renewable energy products, as well as help foster markets for emerging technologies. Your efforts prove this goal is obtainable.

With the Federal Energy and Water Management Awards, I take great pleasure in recognizing outstanding contributions by individual and team efforts. Your work will continue to benefit our Government and our Nation for years to come.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bill Richardson", is positioned above the printed name.

Bill Richardson